

*Friday, September 18, 1998*

# *Daily Digest*

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate sustains President's Veto of Partial Birth Abortion Ban.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S10551–S10634*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2497–2501. **Page S10588**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–336)

H.R. 2493, to establish a mechanism by which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior can provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal lands. **Page S10588**

**Partial-Birth Abortion Ban—Veto Message:** By 64 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 277), two-thirds of the Senators voting not having voted in the affirmative, H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, upon reconsideration, was rejected, and the veto of the President was sustained. **Pages S10551–64**

**Child Custody Protection Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 1645, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10564–67**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the committee substitute amendment and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, at 4:30 p.m. **Page S10565**

**Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1301, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S10567–74**

Pending:

Lott (for Grassley/Hatch) Amendment No. 3559, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10568–74**

Feingold/Specter Amendment No. 3602 (to Amendment No. 3559), to ensure payment of trustees' costs under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, of abuse motions, without encouraging conflicts of interest between attorneys and clients. **Pages S10568–72**

Feingold/Specter Amendment No. 3565 (to Amendment No. 3559), to provide for a waiver of filing fees in certain bankruptcy cases. **Pages S10572–74**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, September 21, 1998.

**Head Start/Low-Income Energy Assistance/Community Services Block Grant—Authorizations:** Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 2206, to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, and to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, requested a conference with the House, and the Chair appointed conferees on the part of the Senate, as follows: Senators Jeffords, Coats, Gregg, Kennedy, and Dodd. **Pages S10617–33**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations: Bill Richardson, of New Mexico, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Forty-second Session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency. **Page S10634**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S10586**

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**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S10596–S10605

**Notices of Hearings:** Pages S10605–06

**Additional Statements:** Pages S10606–10

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—277) Page S10564

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 8:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:07 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday,

September 21, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10634.)

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 4597–4605; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 327–328, and H. Res. 545–548, were introduced. Pages H8083–84

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2661, to establish peer review for the review of standards promulgated under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of, amended (H. Rept. 105–730);

H.R. 2869, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to exempt safety and health assessments, audits, and reviews conducted by or for an employer from enforcement action under such Act, amended (H. Rept. 105–731);

H.R. 2873, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, amended (H. Rept. 105–732); and

H.R. 4068, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, amended (H. Rept. 105–733). Page H8083

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8037

**Dollars to the Classroom Act:** The House passed H.R. 3248, to provide dollars to the classroom, by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 198 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 452. Pages H8037–72

Rejected:

The Mink amendment, numbered 1 and printed in House Report 105–726, that strikes lines 11 through 13 on page 17 that repeal the Native Hawaiian Education Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 450);

Pages H8055–56, H8070

The Martinez amendment in the nature of a substitute, numbered 2 and printed in House Report 105–726, that establishes the "Class-Size Reduction and Teacher Quality Act" and authorizes \$20.8 bil-

lion, allocated by the Department of Education to the States, over the next 10 years to reduce class size in grades 1 through 3 to an average of 18 students per class and allow school districts to hire an additional 100,000 teachers (rejected by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 451);

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. Page H8072

H. Res. 543, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on September 17, 1998.

**Meeting Hours—September 22 and 23:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, September 22 at 10 a.m.; and that when the House adjourns on September 22, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, September 23 at 2:00 p.m. Page H8073

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of September 23. Page H8073

**Personal Privilege:** Representative Hastings of Florida rose to a point of personal privilege and notified the Speaker of his intention to offer a privileged resolution. Pages H8073–75

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**Late Report:** Conferees received permission to have until midnight on Tuesday, September 22, to file a conference report on H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999. Page H8075